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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATIONS

REF:

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICER (STYLES, EB/OA) CALLED IN ISRAELI
ECONOMIC COUNSELOR EITAN RAFF, JANUARY 30 FOR DISCUSSION
OF STATUS OF US-ISRAEL AIR TRANSPORT RELATIONS. NOTING
THAT EL AL HAD LONG EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ADDITIONAL LANDING
RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES, RAFF WAS TOLD THAT USG
FAVORED BROADENING AIR TRANSPORTATION WORLDWIDE AND WOULD
CONSIDER GRANTING EL AL LANDING RIGHTS TO ONE ADDITIONAL
CITY IN A PACKAGE WHICH INCLUDED ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE OF
CHARTER FLIGHTS ON LIBERAL BASIS AND ISRAELI COMMITMENT TO
LOW SCHEDULED AIR FARES. DEPT. OFFICER PROPOSED INFORMAL
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DISCUSSION OF FOREGOING EXCHANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES WITH
DETAILS ON PRECISE CHARTER REGIME AND SPECIFIC LANDING
POINT TO BE DECIDED BY FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS LATER THIS YEAR
IF THERE APPEARED TO BE ENOUGH COMMON GROUND FOR AGREEMENT.

2. RAFF EXPRESSED INTEREST IN USG PROPOSAL AND SAID THAT
HE WOULD COMMUNICATE IMMEDIATELY WITH TEL AVIV. HE HOPED

TO HAVE RESPONSE SHORTLY.

3. FYI: USG POSITION IN THIS MATTER HAD BEEN CAREFULLY
CONSIDERED WITHIN DEPARTMENT AND WITH OTHER AGENCIES.
EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT US OFFER WAS LIMITED TO ONLY ONE
ADDITIONAL US CITY FOR EL AL AND THIS OFFER EXPLICITLY
LINKED WITH LIBERALIZED CHARTERS AND LOW SCHEDULED FARES.
WHILE US PREPARED CONSIDER ANY ADDITIONAL CITY ISRAEL MAY
WANT, WE CANNOT OFFER MORE THAN ONE UNDER APPROVED
POSITION. END FYI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS
REPORT ON CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN BY ISRAEL TO CHANGING
CURRENT RESTRICTIVE CHARTER POLICY. VANCE

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